

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected only under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 8 and 9 of copending application No. 09/637,497. A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 are now believed to be patentable.

The Examiner objected to claims 3 and 4 only on the grounds of being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form to overcome this objection and are also now believed to be patentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,
Applicants contend that this application is in condition for
allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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